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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

INVENTOR AND SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

POLISHING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORMING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT
TITLE OF INVENTION

the specification of which is attached hereto.

REVIEW OF PAPERS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention claimed in the above-identified specification was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, and that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office information which I know is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

FOREIGN APPLICATIONS

The invention claimed in the above-described specification has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application.

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Title: POLISHING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORMING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Date: 7/12/01

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